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FROM AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, KN, US
SUBJECT: NORTH KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES

1. MR. DRAGOSLAV AVRANOVIC, MEMBER OF THE BRANDT COMMISSION SECRETARIAT, ASKED TO SEE ME TODAY (JUNE 19) TO REPORT ON A VISIT TO HIM BY THE NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO GENEVA DJIN TCHOUNG KOUK. KOUK MADE SPECIAL REFERENCE TO A SPEECH GIVEN IN MAY BY KIM IL SUNG AND UNDERLINED THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH. QUOTE IF THE UNITED STATES TRULY WANTS PEACE IN KOREA AND HER PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION, IT MUST NOT BRING FORWARD VARIOUS UNREALISTIC CONDITIONS BUT SEEK A WAY FOR THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN QUESTION ABOVE ALL THROUGH CONTACTS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AS WE HAVE ALREADY PROPOSED. UNQUOTE KOUK TOLD AVRANOVIC THERE WAS NEED FOR DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF NORTH KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE THERE WERE MATTERS TO BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THEM DIRECTLY, CONCEDED THAT THERE WERE ALSO MATTERS TO BE NEGOTIATED DIRECTLY WITH SOUTH KOREA.

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2. KOUK LEFT AVRANOVIC WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT GENEVA MIGHT BE A GOOD POINT OF CONTACT CITING PRECEDENTS IN 1954 AND 1960 WHEN THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH KOREA WERE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE IN GENEVA THROUGH SUBSTANTIVE CONCERNS THAT BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER IN THIS CITY. AGAIN, AVRANOVIC IS NOT CLEAR WHY HE HAS BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR THESE MESSAGES FROM THE NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATIVE, BUT HE HAS

NO DOUBT THAT HE WAS EXPECTED TO RELAY THEM TO US. VANDEN
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